

## HURRICANE TIPS

- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage—flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Use a NOAA Weather Radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

### By the Start of Hurricane Season you should:

- Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit. These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location. In certain circumstances you may need to go to a store to purchase an item to supplement your kit.
- Write out your Family Disaster Plan. Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact.

### When a Watch is issued you should:

- Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water.
- Activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time (for example, securing a boat or leaving a barrier island).

### When a Warning is issued you should:

- Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you.
- Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

### Disaster Supply Kit

- Water—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food—at least enough for 3 to 7 days
  - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
  - foods for infants or the elderly
  - snack foods
  - non-electric can opener
  - cooking tools / fuel
  - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items—for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones—(not cordless)
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards—Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys
- Toys, Books and Games
- Important documents in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
- Insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
  - proper identification / immunization records / medications
  - ample supply of food and water
  - a carrier or cage
  - muzzle and leash

### Family Disaster Plan

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.

## WATCH VS. WARNING

A **HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

## HURRICANE CATEGORIES

**Category One Hurricane:** Winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt or 119-153 km/hr). Storm surge generally 4-5 ft above normal.

**Category Two Hurricane:** Winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt or 154-177 km/hr). Storm surge generally 6-8 feet above normal.

**Category Three Hurricane:** Winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt or 178-209 km/hr). Storm surge generally 9-12 ft above normal.

**Category Four Hurricane:** Winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt or 210-249 km/hr). Storm surge generally 13-18 ft above normal.

**Category Five Hurricane:** Winds greater than 155 mph (135 kt or 249 km/hr). Storm surge generally greater than 18 ft above normal.

## EVACUATION ROUTES

**Sussex:** Route 1, 113, 13, 54, 20, 26, 24, 9, 404

**Worcester:** Route 50, 113, 90, 13

**Wicomico:** Route 13, 50

**Talbot:** Route 50, 33, 333, 322, 331, 228, 309, 404, 662

**Somerset:** Route 13

**Queen Anne:** Route 50, 213, 301

**Kent, MD:** Route 20, 291, 213, \*if those routes are closed they broadcast alternates on WCTR & WKHS

**Dorchester:** Route 50, 16, 335, 336, 331, 14, 16

**Accomack:** Route 13

**Kent, DE:** According to Deldot they don't have a "set" evacuation routes. They will assign on a needed basis.